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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002 (Paper No. 4) for which a response was due on July 23, 2002. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time of three months to extend the time for response to October 23, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

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